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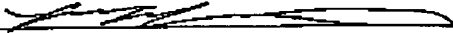
**REMARKS**

Applicants elect Group I of the claims (claims 1-15) for further prosecution in the present application, without traverse.

Applicants advise that the subject matter claimed in claims 1-15 was co-invented by the named inventors, and no amendment of inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48b) is required.

This application is now considered to be in a condition for examination on its merits. Reconsideration and early action are requested.

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